



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE May 1, 2012

CTE Spring Data Collection ENDED

Please check with your administration and/or Primary AIM Contact at your high school to make sure this important Data Collection has been done!

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection began March 1, 2012 and ended April 27, 2012. High Schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2011-12 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator. CTE Concentrators are high school seniors (grade 12 only) who have earned three (3) or more courses or credits in any CTE area of concentration. Courses that students are currently enrolled in may count toward credits earned. Students meeting the definition for identification as CTE Concentrators must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM system. If the student has a child or shares parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6.

Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at (406) 444-9019 or dfiedler@mt.gov.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

No update at this time.

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No update at this time.

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Business Education

Shields Valley Business Educator ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year Nominee

Last week, Shields Valley High School Business Educator Mrs. Mitzi Richards represented Montana's Business and Marketing Education professionals, as well as all of Montana's Career and Technical Education professionals, at the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region V Conference as the Montana ACTE nominee for ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year.

Jackson, Wyoming, and Wyoming ACTE hosted the 2012 ACTE Region V Conference April 12-14. Mitzi was one of nine secondary CTE teachers from Region V's 16 states and territories vying to be named ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year. During the 2011 Montana Fall Institute in Great Falls, Mitzi was named Montana ACTE's 2011 Teacher of the Year; and, therefore, advanced to represent the Montana association at the regional level. Mitzi was also named the Montana Business Education Association's 2010 Teacher of the Year.

Although the ACTE Region V Teacher of the Year award went to a well-deserving Family and Consumer Sciences



teacher from Provo, Utah, all who know Mitzi knows she is truly well deserving of the award and will always be our Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Mitzi on your accomplishments, achievements, and for representing Montana's Career and Technical Education professionals so well.

Business Professionals of America and Montana DECA

Montana BPA & DECA Student to Compete at National Conferences

Good Luck to all students who will be competing at the 2012 Business Professional of America National Leadership Conference and the 2012 DECA International Career Development Conference. Nearly 500 of Montana's business and marketing education students will be attending and competing at their respective Career and Technical Student Organization's national conference over the next two weeks.

The 2012 BPA National Leadership Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois, April 25-29. From Montana, 337 members and guests, representing 52 of Montana's 90 BPA chapters, will "Reach New Heights" by participating in a variety of leadership activities, competitive events showcasing their business and technological skills, educational tours, and life experiences while experiencing the 2012 BPA NLC.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA students from across the state are boarding the bus for Salt Lake City, UT for the National DECA Conference, happening April 28-May 1. There are approximately 125 students attending this year and they will have the opportunity to compete against around 15,000 students from across the country and around the world. In addition to competition, students will have the opportunity to go to the Lagoon, see The Eli Young Band in a DECA Exclusive Concert and see the Salt Lake City Bee's play the Reno Aces in AAA Baseball.

Montana DECA has also recently selected their 2012-2013 State Officer Team. This year, our officers are:

- ** Tanner Block - Sentinel High School
- ** Katlyn Finafrock - Capital High School
- ** Taylor Hoyer - Belt High School
- ** Madyson Rigg - Glacier High School
- ** Jackson Smith - Sentinel High School
- ** Devon Zander - Glacier High School

These officers will have their first opportunity to get to know one another at the National DECA Conference and will have their first planning meeting in June. **Montana DECA information submitted by Montana DECA State Advisor, Erin Weisgerber. E-mail: erinweisgerber@yahoo.com.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

No update at this time.

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Health Sciences Education

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the health science and biomedical science teachers for the wonderful work they did in completing their **Gap Analyses** with their college partners. MSU Great Falls College of Technology took the lead on developing and offering a “**Health Professions Foundation Certificate**”, one of the exciting outcomes from our Gap Analysis work. This certificate will be given to Great Falls students (where it is currently being piloted), after they have taken the requisite courses for entry into any of the Health Professions programs at MSU GF-COT. This is a combination of dual credit, testing, college credit, and articulations available to junior and seniors. This is inspiring work and I hope to have this option available to all MT students in the near future.

All **Participation Reports** were completed for health science programs. Again, I wish to thank health science teachers for staying on top of all of the necessary paperwork for Perkins and State Vo-Ed funding and maintaining your classroom and sanity!

Unfortunately, **Health Science Teacher Training** has been cancelled for June 2012 in Miles City. I have been fortunate to solicit and receive grants to pay for this course for the past three years, but I could not come up with the funding to make it happen. Please don't be discouraged; I am discussing two other possibilities for offering Health Science training, but I am not at liberty to divulge these options quite yet. Stay tuned.

I recently attended a “**Project Lead the Way**” Conference in Indianapolis and came away with wonderful ideas to expend this program in Montana schools. If you are interested in Biomedical Sciences or Engineering programs at your high school, please give me a call at (406) 994-6986 to discuss what this is all about. By fall 2012, we will have programs in Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, Whitefish and St. Regis.

Montana HOSA

HOSA State Leadership Conference

The 2012 Montana HOSA State Leadership Conference was a success! The conference was held in Helena March 22 – 24th at Carroll College, UM Helena College of Technology, and Jorgenson's Inn and Suites. We had 150 attendees and over 60 volunteer judges and symposium leaders. Our students competed in 32 healthcare related competitive events and participated in healthcare facility tours/workshops at Shodair Children's Hospital, Nash Spine & Joint Rehab, Sound Health Imaging, Comprehensive Hearing Services, Big Sky Care Center, Mountain View Eye Care, Sean Melton DDS, St. Peter's Hospital Laboratory, St. Peter's Hospital OB, St. Peter's Hospital Ambulance, and St. Peter's Hospital Diagnostic Imaging. The conference concluded with a Breakfast Awards Banquet featuring keynote speaker - Attorney General and Gubernatorial Candidate, Steve Bullock. We had some great press coverage of our conference which can be found at

- http://helenair.com/news/local/education/aspiring-health-workers-compete-at-carroll-college/article_60c9cbee-7577-11e1-bdd9-001871e3ce6c.html
- <http://www.fairfieldsuntimes.com/articles/2012/03/27/news/doc4f72113c98ed8043424103.txt>



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HOSA National Leadership Conference

The National Leadership Conference will be in Orlando, FL this year, June 20-23rd. Currently, we have students from CMR, Great Falls High, Ronan, Noxon, Harlowton, Bozeman, and Billings Career Center planning to attend. We are also very excited to announce that we have a Montana student running for National Officer Candidate - Darby Lacey from CMR High School! Those of you who are familiar with this talented student will agree she will be an outstanding officer to represent our region. **Montana HOSA information submitted by State HOSA Advisor, Bergen Morehouse; Phone: 406.683.2790 E-mail: bergen@mtha.org.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

No update at this time.

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